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Activity of Karl HASS:

1. There follows summary of a letter from Lois EDER which was received by Karl HASS at the TRANSGLOBO firm in which he has an interest together with Harald EMBKE:

EDER stated that he had been interrogated at length by Major SCHULTZ on his collaboration with the SIFAR. SCHULTZ had been informed that EDER, in agreement with HASS, had collaborated with SIFAR for three months under regular remuneration and that later HASS had, for a brief period of time, continued the collaboration on his own. EDER, faced with very specific details, had not been able to deny this. EDER had been severely warned by SCHULTZ for having subsequent epistolary contacts with HASS, but he felt it was his duty as a friend to warn HASS that something very serious was in store for him. EDER advised HASS not to trust his Italian friends. He added that he had reason to believe that ROSSI had recently met with SCHULTZ.

2. The letter seriously worried HASS. But the most interesting thing is the HASS version of the dangers in store for him. He stated that he feared that he would be "unjustly" involved in the JOHN affair. He feared that at Bonn and elsewhere a "pretext" was found to include him in the list of those involved in the JOHN affair or those who had collaborated with the Soviet service. In this regard he stated that he feared that a list may have been found containing names of JOHN's collaborators, on which his name might appear. In the face of the surprise expressed by [ ] HASS replied that anything was possible when one desired to ruin somebody.

3. [ ] Comment: The letter reached HASS, not at his private address, nor in his own name. Evidently EDER desired to avoid censorship. This expedient reveals in both the sender and the addressee a feeling of guilt, if not responsibility. And, also significant, is the fact that Lois EDER knows the address and, therefore, the HASS-EMBKE deals and the activity of the TRANSGLOBO, the position of which would be examined separately.

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